Payment of Dividend in foreign exchange

1305. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NRI's proposal which brought Double Cola here does not involve payment of dividend in foreign exhacnge; and

(b) if so, the reasons for which Government have considered Pepsi-Agro proposal under which payment of dividend is to be made in foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) M/s. Double Cola Manuaftcuring Co. (I) Pvt. Ltd., have stated that their promoters have volunteered not to repatriate any capital, dividends or profits on the capital invested by the Non-Resident Indians.

(b) No decision has been taken by the Government on this proposal so far.

औद्योगिक रूप से विकसित देशों में भारत का स्थान

1306 **श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) औद्योगिक रूप से विकसित देशों में भारत का स्थान कौन सा है ;

(ख) भारत के स्थान को ऊपर लाने के लिए उठाये गये कदमों का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस लक्ष्य की प्राप्ति में कितना समय लगेगा ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम्) : (क) से (ग) 1-1-88 की स्थिति के अनुसार औद्योगिक रूप से विकसित देशों में भारत की स्थिति से संबंधित आंकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं हैं । तथापि विश्व विकास रिपोर्ट, 1987 के अनुसार 1984 के दौरान विनिर्माणकारी क्षेत्र में वर्धित मुल्य के रूप में उक्त देशों में भारत का स्थान 12वां था ।

सरकार ने औद्योगिक उत्पादन की गति तेज करने तथा इसे बनाए रखने के लिए अनेक उपाय किए हैं । इनमें नीतियों व प्रक्रियाओं में उपयुक्त परिवर्तन, घरेलू व निर्यात बाजारों के लिए बढ़े हुये उत्पादन हेतु राजकोषीय तथा वित्तीय प्रोत्साहन, चुनींदा पूंजीगत माल उद्योगों के आधुनिकीकरण के लिए प्रौद्योगिकीय उन्नयन योजना, औद्योगिक कच्चे माल की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित किया जाना और अवस्थापनापरक उद्योगों के कार्यनिष्पादन में सुधार किया जाना शामिल है ।

Setting up of Small Industries Service Institutes

1307. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Small Industries Service Institutes (SISI) are set up by his Ministry with a view to assist development of small scale industries in different region;

(b) if so, what are its specific objectives and functions;

(c) whether a SISI was set up at Muzzaffarpur in North Bihar with similar objectives but remained ineffective without a Director and with 90 per cent of its officers posts lying vaent for the last 7 to 11 years; and

(d) if so, what steps are contemplated to make its existance useful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Small Industries Service Institutes are to provide comprehensive range of facilities and services in the State for promotion of small scale industries through consultancy in various fields and assistance such as marketing, modernisation, ancillarisation, export promotion and economic investigation etc.

(c) and (d) SISI, Muzaffarpur was upgraded from Branch Institute during 1978 with similar objectives. Out of a total sanctioned strength of 19 officers upto the level of Investigators, 14 officers are in position at present. Posting orders for 3 officers have already been issued and they are likely to join.

Banning the officers and workers of public sector undertakings from becoming members of political parties

1308. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers and workers of public sector undertakings are prohibited from becoming members of political parties;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to change this policy; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Diversification by BHEL in various fields of manufacturing

1309. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BHEL, proposes to manufacture locomotives and to diversify its activities in the field of transportaion, electronics and tele-communications etc; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for diversifying the activities of BHEL and dissipating its energies and expertise in the areas where it has little expereince?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) BHEL is planning to diversify in order to maintain sustained growth in the coming years and with a view to attaining optimal utilisation of Company's resources and capabilities

Central Investment in Public Sector Industrial Units

1310. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment in the Central Public Sector Industrial Units in 1966-67 and 1987-88; and

(b) what was the share of each State (in percentage) in this total as in 1966-67 and 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The total investment in terms of Gross Block in the Central Public Sector was Rs. 2633 crores and Rs. 68052 crores as on 1-4-1967 and 1-4-1987 respectively.

(b) A statement is enclosed.